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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 09 October 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

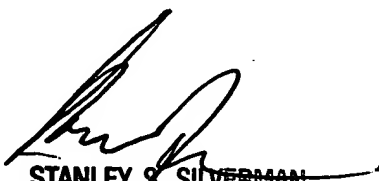
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

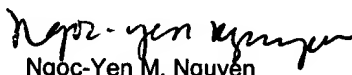
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d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The after-final amendment, filed October 9, 2006, is considered as an amendment filed under 37 CFR 1.312 because it was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. Since all issues were addressed by the second after-final amendment, filed August 24, 2006 to put the case in allowable condition, the amendment filed October 9, 2006 would not be entered.


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